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Kalinowski Disappointed at Delaying Tactics on Campaign Finance Reform



State Rep. Raymond C. Kalinowski, R-100th, Middletown, Middlefield, Durham, expressed disappointment at the state legislature's delay in acting on campaign finance reform.

Rep. Kalinowski noted that the Democratic majority yesterday adjourned a special session called by Gov. M. Jodi Rell, refused to consider the governor's campaign reform proposals, and called another special session later in the month on a variety of topics.

"Task forces have worked all summer, proposals are on the table to limit big money in political campaigns, and we can adopt new laws immediately," said Rep. Kalinowski. "Instead, some legislative leaders want to delay voting on real reforms."

"We ought to either debate the governor's bill or come up with another one," said Rep. Kalinowski. "These latest tactics demonstrate a resistance to doing anything. The governor calls a special session on campaign finance reform, and the majority leadership wants to change the subject."

The legislature voted along party lines October 11 to adjourn the governor's special session and instead call a new special session to discuss the following topics in addition to campaign finance reform:

- Restrict government's taking of property through eminent domain
- Reform the state contracting process
- Adjust state borrowing authorizations
- Provide relief from high home heating costs
- Address lack of commercial vehicle insurance relating to a recent truck accident that killed four people

Rep. Kalinowski serves the 100th Assembly District of Middletown, Middlefield and Durham in the state House of Representatives.